

DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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FILE: B-185578

DATE: January 14, 1976

MATTER OF: J&M Publications, Inc.

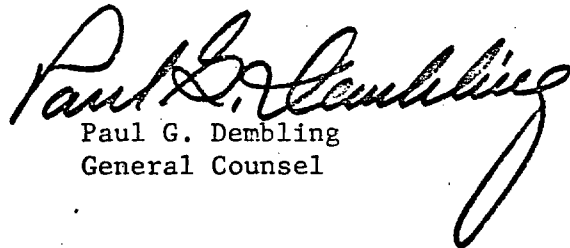
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DIGEST:

Since protester did not protest use of qualification criteria which is allegedly anti-small business prior to closing date for receipt of initial proposals, its protest is untimely and not for consideration.

This is a protest by J&M Publications, Inc. (J&M), against the use of specific qualification criteria which J&M contends is anti-small business under request for proposals (RFP) No. TSC/813-0068-GMF, issued by the Department of Transportation, Transportation Systems Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The closing date for receipt of initial proposals was September 17, 1975. Section 20.2(b)(1) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 40 Fed. Reg. 17979 (1975), provides that protests based on alleged improprieties in solicitations which are apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of initial proposals shall be filed prior to that date. J&M's protest was received in our Office on December 19, 1975. Therefore, the protest is untimely and will not be considered by our Office.


Paul G. Dembling
General Counsel